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Renewed RfPB programme

From [competition 28](#) the RfPB programme will be changing. In summary, the changes are:

- a preliminary stage one application form has been introduced which is a shortened version of the NIHR standard application form. The stage one application form will be easier and faster to complete given it is a shorter form
- stage one applications will be assessed by a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) and applicants will then be notified as to whether a stage two application has been invited by the RAC or not
- applicants will be provided with feedback following assessment of a stage one
- for applicants invited to stage two, information included within the stage one form will be auto populated into the stage two form, and applicants only need to make appropriate revisions (if necessary) and complete the remaining sections of the stage two form
- for further flexibility, applicants invited to stage two will also have the option to defer their stage two application to the following competition should they wish to
- four RACs will be merging to form two, North East and Yorkshire and The Humber regions (Yorkshire and the North East) and the South Central and South East Coast regions (South East and Central), reducing the number of RACs to eight.

More detail about these changes can be found on the [RfPB website here](#).

For free research design and funding advice, download the [RDS NW advice request form here](#).

Funding opportunities

[Health Services and Delivery Research \(HS&DR\) Programme - researcher-led](#)

Closing date: 17 September 2015.

[Health Technology Assessment \(HTA\) Programme - commissioned](#)

Closing date: 24 September 2015.

[NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research \(PGfAR\)](#)

Closing date: 6 October 2015.

[NIHR Programme Development Grants \(PDG\)](#)

Closing date: 13 October 2015.

[Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation \(EME\) Programme - researcher-led](#)

Closing date: 10 November 2015.

[EME Programme - commissioned](#)

Closing date: 10 November 2015.

More event and funding information on our [website here](#).

Events and training

[Clinical trial training for investigators](#)

14 to 18 September 2015 - Manchester.

[NHS R&D North West conference – Let's Talk Research](#)

17 to 18 September 2015 - Bolton.

[Dementia Futures](#)

18 September 2015 - Lancaster.

[Diagnostic Evidence Workshop](#)

1 to 2 October 2015 - Oxford.

[E-trials in the North West: Research Meeting](#)

19 October 2015 - Manchester.

Approaching funding deadlines

[PHR](#) - public mental health - 30 July 2015.

[HS&DR](#) - commissioned - 3 September 2015.

[HTA](#) - researcher-led - 3 September 2015.

[PHR](#) - commissioned - 3 September 2015.

Please always check with the event organiser or funder for up-to-date information